

Free Church of Scotland's Foreign Missions.

HINTS

FOR GUIDANCE IN THE FORMATION AND MANAGEMENT
OF

CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

(Approved of by the Foreign Missions Committee.)

1st, That the Association be called the

ASSOCIATION FOR THE FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

2d, That the minister of the congregation shall be President of the Association.

3d, That subscriptions in aid of this Scheme shall be paid every quarter ; and that the quarters be reckoned from 1st January, 1st April, 1st July, and 1st October,—care being taken to prevent contributions to this object from interfering with the other Schemes of the Church.

4th, That the duty of the Secretary shall be to correspond with the General Secretary in Edinburgh, furnish the Collectors with a complete list of the members and adherents in their respective districts, supply each Collector with a sufficient number of the Quarterly Paper, and generally to attend to the practical working of the Association.

5th, That the duty of the Treasurer (who may also be the Secretary) shall be to receive the monies from the Collectors, and to remit the same each quarter to the General Treasurer in Edinburgh as soon as possible thereafter.

6th, That, in the appointment of Collectors, an effort should be made to secure, as far as possible, a staff distinct from the Collectors for the Sustentation Fund.

7th, That there shall be a public meeting on the first Monday of every quarter, or any other day that may be considered more suitable, for receiving the returns of the *preceding* quarter, for prayer, and giving intelligence regarding the Scheme. The amount of the returns to be mentioned to the congregation on the Sabbath following this meeting. Should it be deemed inexpedient to hold a special or extra meeting, the ordinary weekly prayer-meeting might be, once a quarter, devoted to these purposes ; and in cases where a week-day meeting is found impracticable, it is suggested that a short meeting might be held on the Sabbath, at the close of public worship,—the ordinary services being, if necessary, somewhat shortened.

8th, That the Secretary shall, at least once a year, compare the names in the Register and Collectors' books with the roll of members and adherents. In the case of large congregations, the appointment of a small Committee to assist the Secretary, and superintend the working of the Association, might be advantageous.

9th, That the Office-bearers of the congregation should, as far as possible, co-operate with the Collectors in promoting the efficiency of the Association, especially in the way of obtaining, in their respective districts, additional contributors to the Fund.

10th, That the Collectors shall, as far as practicable, leave a copy of the Quarterly Paper regularly with every family belonging to the congregation, whether contributing or not.

11th, The Association to work harmoniously with any effort in the congregation, which has for its object to aid the Ladies' Society in promoting the Christian education of the females of India and Kaffraria.

12th, THAT, ON THE SECOND SABBATH BEFORE EVERY QUARTERLY COLLECTION OR RETURN FOR THIS FUND, THE INTIMATION BE GIVEN FROM THE PULPIT, WITH SUCH EXHORTATION TO COLLECTORS AND CONTRIBUTORS AS THE MINISTER MAY DEEM NEEDFUL OR EXPEDIENT.

N.B.—*All communications relating to the Association to be addressed to Mr. ROBERT YOUNG ; and all remittances to be made payable to JOHN MACDONALD, Esq., General Treasurer,—both at the Offices of the Free Church of Scotland, Edinburgh.*

WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURE ?

REGARDING

1. The Condition of the World.

'The whole world lieth in wickedness.'—1 John v. 19.

'The dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.'—Ps. lxxiv. 20.

2. The Divine Purpose and Command.

'God our Saviour will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.'—1 Tim. ii. 4.

'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.'—Mark xvi. 15.

3. The Divine Promise.

'In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.'—Gen. xii. 3.

'I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.'—Ps. ii. 8.

4. The Grand Motive.

'For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.'—2 Cor. viii. 9.

'Freely ye have received, freely give.'—Matt. x. 8.

5. The Final Consummation.

'I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands ; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.'—Rev. vii. 9, 10.

A WORD TO COLLECTORS.

Stir up your zeal and the zeal of others by

1. *Reading* the *Missionary Record*, Biographies of Missionaries, and other Missionary publications ; and by taking advantage of opportunities of attending Missionary meetings.
2. *Contributing* as you may be enabled ; and by inducing others to contribute.
3. *Prayer* for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Missions :—On the *missionaries*, that they may be upheld and largely blessed in their arduous work ; for the *converts*, that they may be kept steadfast in their Christian profession, and be as lights in the midst of the surrounding darkness ; and for the *millions of perishing heathen*, that the Gospel, where already preached, may be the power of God to their salvation, and where not yet preached, that it may be speedily sent to those who are thus sitting in the region and shadow of death.

MISSION STATIONS.

I.—INDIA.

THE BENGAL or EASTERN INDIA MISSION was founded in 1830, by Rev. Dr. Duff, the first missionary sent to India by the Church of Scotland.

Principal Stations.—Calcutta, Chinsurah, Culna, Bansberia, Mahanad.

THE BOMBAY or WESTERN INDIA MISSION was founded in 1823, by missionaries in connection with the Scottish Missionary Society, and was transferred to the Church of Scotland in 1835. The Rev. Dr. Wilson joined the Mission in 1828.

Principal Stations.—Bombay, Puna, Indapur, Jaulna.

THE MADRAS or SOUTHERN INDIA MISSION was founded in 1837, by the late Rev. John Anderson.

Principal Stations.—Madras, Nellore, Chingleput, Conjeveram, Wallajahbad, Trivellore.

THE NAGPORE or CENTRAL INDIA MISSION was founded in 1844, by the late Rev. Stephen Hislop.

Principal Stations.—Nagpore, Sitabuldi, Kampti, Chindwara.

II.—SOUTH AFRICA.

THE KAFFRARIAN MISSION was founded by the Rev. Messrs. Thomson and Bennie in 1821, in connection with the Glasgow Missionary Society, and was transferred to the Free Church in 1844. The Rev. John Ross, the present senior missionary, joined the Mission in 1823.

Principal Stations.—Lovedale, Pirie, Burnhill, Macfarlan, and Toleni, in the Transkei territory.

THE NATAL MISSION was transferred to the Free Church in 1867.

Station.—Pietersmaritzburg.